

THE 3 A'S OF PUBLIC LIFE

DEFINITIONS OF THE 3 A'S OF PUBLIC LIFE

AUTHORITY A public leader has knowledge rooted in the community – an understanding of people, their lives, where they live, their aspirations and concerns. They use this knowledge to inform their decisions. They act as part of the community as opposed to acting apart from it.

AUTHENTICITY Words and actions of a public leader reflect the reality of people's lives in the community. They genuinely listen to the community in an ongoing way. The community genuinely believes that you have their best interests at heart.

ACCOUNTABILITY A leader sets realistic expectations for change and makes progress. They pursue actions that really mean something to people. They account for what they are learning.

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THINKING AND ACTING PUBLICLY



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